

DISK DRIVE BACKPLANE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING MULTIPLE DISK DRIVE CARRIER DESIGNS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A disk drive backplane is described which includes a connector for interfacing with a corresponding connector on each of a plurality of carrier types. A plurality of status indicator arrays is provided, each of which corresponds to at least one of the carrier types and is operable to transmit status information. Each of the arrays is positioned to interface with a corresponding status interface on the corresponding carrier type(s). Circuitry is
10 provided which enables one of the status indicator arrays thereby configuring the backplane to interface with a particular one of the carrier types.